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## Seaver College Thanksgiving Service

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†Audience standing

**Prelude to Worship** — Songs of praise and thanksgiving — TBA

### Call to Worship

†*Thanksgiving to God*

- (Leader) Give Thanks to the Lord, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.  
Sing to him sing, his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!  
Look to the Lord in his strength; seek to serve him constantly.
- (People) **Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought, his portents, and the judgments he has uttered, You descendants of Israel, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- (Leader) He, the Lord, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations —  
Which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac;  
Which he established for Jacob by statute, for Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- (People) **Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan as your allotted inheritance."**
- (Leader) When they were few in number, a handful, and strangers there,  
Wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,  
He let no one oppress them, and for their sake he rebuked kings:
- (People) **"Touch not my anointed, and to my prophets do no harm."**
- (Leader) Sing to the Lord, all the earth, announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
For great is the Lord and highly to be praised; and awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the Lord made the heavens.
- (People) **Splendor and majesty go before him; praise and joy are in his holy place.**
- (Leader) Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise;  
Give to the Lord the glory due his name!  
Bring gifts, and enter his presence; worship the Lord in holy attire.
- (People) **Tremble before him, all the earth; he has made the world firm, not to be moved.**
- (Leader) Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
- (People) **let them say among the nations: The Lord is king.**

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(Leader) Let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains rejoice and all that is in them!

(People) **Then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the Lord, for he comes: he comes to rule the earth.**

(Leader) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his kindness endures forever;

(People) **And say, "Save us, God, our savior, gather us and deliver us from the nations, That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in praising you."**

(Leader) Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, through all eternity!

(People) **Let all the people say, Amen! Alleluia.** (1 Chronicles 16:8-36)

†*Confession of faith*

(Leader) We confess,

(People) **"Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."**

(Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

(Leader) We confess,

(People) **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** (Leviticus 19:18)

(Leader) We confess,

(People) **"The Lord, your God, shall you fear; him shall you serve."** (Deuteronomy 6:13)

(Leader) We confess,

(People) **"Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; . . ."**

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

(Leader) We confess the saying is trustworthy:

(People) **"If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."**

(2 Timothy 2:11-13)

(Leader) So let us then,

(People) **"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets."** (Matthew 7:12)

†*Hymn of praise, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

†*The Lord's Prayer*

**"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and do not subject us to the final test,  
but deliver us from the evil one."**

**Choral arrangements TBA**

**Community Prayer**

**Thanksgiving reflection**

**Special hymn, *O Lord, Our Lord***

**Thanksgiving reflection**

†**Hymn of praise, *Crown Him with Many Crowns***

†**Prayer**

†**Thanksgiving and blessing**

(Leader) "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."  
(Revelation 7:10)

(People) **"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."**  
(Revelation 7:12)

(Leader) "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come."  
(Revelation 4:8)

(People) **"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength honor and glory and blessing."**  
(Revelation 6:12)

(Leader) "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."  
(Revelation 7:10)

(People) **"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple  
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.  
They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.  
For the Lamb who is in the center of throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."** (Revelation 7:15-17)

(Leader) "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)



*Israel's daring recitals, confessions,  
and songs have no respect for the silent god who does  
not care, nor for an  
indifferent system which has no  
compassion. Israel narrates such idols  
to defeat and celebrates the God who transforms.  
Israel sings the closed  
system to deligitimated oblivion and  
enacts a dream of another way in the world, a way of  
well-being and justice. Israel makes these moves  
precisely in  
liturgy. In the liturgy Israel enacts a  
different world . . . Israel will not stop its confessing,  
its groans, its gratitudes. And because Israel will not  
stop, the world is open and God is under way.*

*-Walter Brueggemann  
Israel's Praise*